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FOR: CU/AF BANDLER FROM: CHARGE

1. CHARGE HAS AGAIN DISCUSSED IV GRANT TO CABINET MINISTER WITH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, AND AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WAS ASSURED. GRANT WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH CANDIDATE SHORTLY. THEREFORE, REQUEST DOLS 3500 CONTINUE TO BE EARMARKED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. REMAINING DOLS 2300 REPRESENTS LESS THAN IV, THEREFORE, IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO PROGRAM ON SHORT NOTICE. BANDLER WILL RECALL HIS CONVERSATION EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH US BASKETBALL COACH CHRIS POND, WHO PRESENTLY FINISHING COACHING CONTRACT IN LIBERIA. POND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT YOUTH AND SPORTS ON MAY 2-3 RE POSSIBILITIES HIS DEVELOPING BASKETBALL PROGRAM HERE THIS FALL. DEPARTMENT IS KEEN, AND DIRECTOR HAS TOLD CHARGE FORMAL REQUEST FROM HIS MINISTRY TO EMBASSY WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. SUGGEST CU/AF CONSIDER EARMARKING DOLS 2300 FOR INITIAL SUPPORT TO POND. WE REALIZE THIS MIGHT PRESENT SOME UNUSUAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES, AND COULD INVOLVE EAND OF FISCAL YEAR COMPLICATIONS, BUT FEEL IT IS WELL WORTH EXPLORING. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR THOUGHTS, INFO TO MONROVIA FOR POND IF APPROPRIATE. WYGANT

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